



Father Robert E. Hughes

Celebrating 75 years of Profession

I first met the Marianist brothers at a very young age, they taught at my grade school, Immaculate Conception, in Washington D.C., of particular influence was Bro. Joe Weber in eighth grade. I probably also developed a special devotion to the Blessed Mother at that time. When I asked my parents if I could go to the Postulate at Mount Saint John in Dayton, OH, they were very supportive. After seminary in Fribourg, Switzerland, I learned to love the Church in a special way because of my years of service at the Vatican writing letters to various bishops regarding Vatican II. Later I had the good fortune to take groups of lay people to Medjugorje. I stayed next door to the place where the visionaries lived. They spoke to me about the messages of the Virgin Mary, many of which focused on Mary's call for the formation of lay prayer groups. I felt this message affirmed my ministry back in California because this was what I was already doing.

I have been retired here at the Marianist Center in Cupertino since 2013. I've resided here for 11 years and am still involved in presiding at the Liturgy and moderating Marian Prayer Groups of lay people each week.